irrespective of caste or creed, lands should be given to all deserving applicants. But the local officials were rejecting most of the darkhasts on the ground of low offers. Even in cases where lands had been granted on darkhasts, the higher officials were cancelling the sales on the ground of low bids. After all, the lands applied for were all dry lands which were lying waste and not more than 5 acres need be granted in any one case. The applicants were deserving men and even if their offers were low, they were genuine offers and there was no deceit or subterfuge about them. In this view, he was of opinion that there was no justification for arbitrarily rejecting the applications or cancelling the sales. The cases were not even referred to the higher officers of the department. He therefore prayed that instructions be issued to all revenue officers that a liberal view should be taken of all applications for land and that the spirit of the orders already issued should be faithfully carried out by the local officers.

In regard to takavi loans, he said that though the Amildars had been empowered to grant such loans to poor raiyats for the purchase of bullocks, the said officers were not exercising that power for fear that if repayments were not made regularly, the overdue amounts might be adjusted out of their own salaries. It seemed desirable that Government assured the Amildars that their fear was unwarranted and that the poor raiyats should not be denied the benefit of the orders of Government in respect of these loans.

As regards the grant of licences for cutting and removing fuel from the State forests, he brought to notice that though under the rules, applications should be made to the Amildar of the taluk, licences granted by the Amildars were practically ineffective as permission of the forest officer in charge was necessary before the fuel could be removed. But by the time that officer came and inspected the lot, either he fuel would have disappeared or the prescribed time limit of 20 days would have been over and the licence would have to be renewed. He therefore represented that the dual control should be done away with and the power of granting licences vested in a single officer—whether of the Revenue or of the Forest Department. In the alternative, he suggested that the licences issued by the revenue officers should remain in force for a few days after inspection by the forest officer concerned. Personally, he felt that the better way of helping the raiyats would be to do away with the dual control referred to above.

Mr. K. L. NANJAPPA NADIG suggested that ceiling fans should be fitted to the Assembly Hall as the members were feeling the need for the same.

The PRESIDENT replied that necessary arrangements would be made.

At 5 p.m., the Assembly adjourned for the day, to meet again at 12 noon the following day.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, 1st June 1939.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion on Thursday, 1st June 1939, at 12 of the clock, Mr. President (*Amin-ul-Mulk*, Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K.C.I.E., O.B.E., Dewan) in the Chair.

Swearing in of a Member.

Mr. MARULE GOWDA of Sira Taluk made the prescribed Oath of Allegiance to His Highness the Maharaja and took his seat.